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## **NDDOT holds commemorative ceremony for Viking Bridge**

Today, the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) held a commemorative ceremony marking the rehabilitation of the Viking Bridge, located northwest of Portland. Recently, historic panels documenting the bridge's history were placed at the site for visitors to enjoy. "We are very excited to be part of this preservation project," says NDDOT Transportation Enhancement Program Manager, Ben Kubischta. "Projects such as these not only serve the surrounding communities, they also preserve a piece of our transportation history for generations to come."

The ceremony included remarks by Brenda Red Wing, Federal Highway Administration; Bob Christensen, North Dakota Department of Transportation; Ben Kubischta, North Dakota Department of Transportation; Arne Osland, Traill County Commission; and Dan Christianson, Traill County Historical Society.

The Viking Bridge, once known as the Goose River Bridge, is the oldest documented vehicle bridge in North Dakota. The bridge was constructed in 1885 and, at the time, provided a vital transportation link between the towns of Mayville and Portland. In 1915, the bridge was moved from its former location to where it currently stands today.